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In re Application of	:	
Claude Vachon	:	
Application No. 10/615,270	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 9, 2003	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A)
Title: WRENCH EXTENSION BAR	:	
WITH ADAPTER	:	

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed on November 26, 2004<sup>1</sup>.

The Office regrets the period of delay in issuing this decision.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed April 26, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 27, 2004. A notice of abandonment was mailed November 18, 2004.

With the present petition, Petitioner has included an amendment, along with a certificate of facsimile transmission dated July 22, 2004. It is noted that the facsimile number to which this communication was sent appears in the non-final Office action as the facsimile number for unofficial documents.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue, as set forth on petition, it is concluded that petitioner has met his burden of establishing that a timely response was timely submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

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<sup>1</sup> The electronic file record indicates that a second petition was filed on October 7, 2005.

Accordingly, the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) is **GRANTED**.  
The holding of abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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